GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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CANAL FROM SANKOSH RIVER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to construct a canal from Sankosh river and link it with the Ganga river in West Bengal for regular augmentation and better flow of water in Calcutta Port particularly in lien months;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the project and funds allocated to State Government for the purpose, year-wise;

(c) the target fixed for completion of the project; and

(d) the area likely to be irrigated through this project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) National Water Development Agency under Ministry of Water Resources had prepared prefeasibility report of Manas − Sankosh − Tista − Ganga Link for transferring the surplus flows of Manas and Sankosh rivers, tributaries of Brahmaputra river and intermediate rivers upto Teesta into the river Ganga upstream of Farakka. Part of this surplus water is proposed for augmentation of river Ganga to meet the lean water requirement of Calcutta Port.

(b) As per the prefeasibility report, the total cost of the project is estimated as Rs.11,670 crore (1994-95 price level).

(c) At present the above link project is at Survey and Investigation stage for preparation of feasibility report which is programmed to be completed by the year 2003.

(d) Manas − Sankosh −Tista − Ganga Link Prefeasibility Report provides for enroute irrigation to the extent of 6.54 lakh ha.